

REMARKS

Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

5 Claim 22 has been restored to its status prior to the final rejection of April 29, 2003 so that R₃ is –CH₂Ar₁. Previously, Applicant had inadvertently deleted Ar₁. The foregoing amendment serves to overcome the new matter rejection.

The variable R₅ has now been added to the specification at page 4, after line 11 and to the structural formula at page 1. The variable R₅ is supported at page 1, line 24 and in the structural 10 formula at pg. 1 lines 2-5 of the published PCT Application, PCT/EP99/05459. (The variable R₅ was inadvertently omitted from the amended PCT application.)

Applicants have amended page 4, line 12 so that the Markush expression with respect to the variable R₄ is now clear and accurate.

With respect to Item c) of the Advisory Action of September 17, 2003, “4-aminosulfonyl” is 15 supported at page 7, lines 28-29 of the amended published PCT application and is also supported at page 29, lines 20 and 25, (Example 44) of the amended published PCT application.

C₁₋₃ alkyl is supported at page 4, line 26 of the published PCT application. It is also supported at page 7, line 28 of the published PCT Application.

Cyclohexan-1-yl- is supported at page 7, line 29 of the published PCT application, as well as 20 the amended PCT application.

Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the new matter rejection has been overcome and should be withdrawn with respect to Item c).

With respect to Item d) of the September 17, 2003 Advisory Action, Applicants have now deleted the actual compounds which were misspelled. This appears at page 5, lines 15-20 of the 25 specification.

Applicants have now amended claim 21 so that the definition of R₄ is now accurate. Further, the incorrect inclusion of -N(R₁₁)CO(CH₂)_nR₁₂ has been deleted at line 13 of claim 21 and the incorrect inclusion of -COR₁₃ has been deleted at line 19.

It is respectfully submitted that the variable R₅ added to the structural formula (I) in the
5 specification is supported in the published PCT application at page 1, lines 2-5.

It is respectfully submitted that the foregoing amendments to the claims and to the specification serve to overcome the rejection of claims 21-26, 28-30, 32 and 33 under §112 and the objection to claims 27 and 31. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the rejections be withdrawn.

The issuance of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully solicited.

10 Please charge any fees which may be due and which have not been submitted herewith to our Deposit Account No. 01-0035.

Respectfully submitted,


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